

## Molly Block

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### Experience

#### **House Committee on Natural Resources, Chairman Rob Bishop, Washington, D.C**

##### *Press Secretary*

March 2017 – Present

- Create media plans for legislation including Puerto Rico's economic crisis and comprehensive mining reform to organize messaging, engage stakeholders and boost the Committee's profile
- Draft speeches and op-eds for Chairman Bishop on issues including BLM methane regulations and Arctic energy development to generate national and regional news coverage
- Respond to press inquiries on behalf of the Committee and the Chairman in a strategic and timely fashion on breaking news, legislative priorities and incoming journalist requests
- Delegate responsibilities and review communications from the press shop including work from the Communications Assistant and Press Assistant in addition to training new hires
- Edit and design two weekly newsletters that are sent to a combined audience of 7,000 including constituents, industry and Hill staffers

##### *Deputy Press Secretary*

April 2016 – February 2017

- Traveled with the Chairman and military personnel to manage field hearing press operations and develop firsthand knowledge and expertise on topics within the Committee's jurisdiction
- Cultivated relationships with reporters, industry groups, and press and policy staff in the 26 Republican Member offices to promote national and regional coverage of Committee policy objectives

##### *Press Assistant and Media Relations Coordinator*

September 2015 - April 2016

- Pitched and booked Congressmen and surrogates for national and regional television and radio appearances
- Wrote and distributed media advisories for hearings on issues including the EPA's Animas River spill and offshore energy production in the Gulf of Mexico to shape the national narrative
- Increased exposure and highlighted key legislation in targeted markets by expanding press lists 30% to reach more than 1,200 national and local reporters and producers organized by outlet and issue area

#### **Republican National Committee, Cleveland, OH**

July 2016

##### *Republican National Convention Regional Media Outreach Team – West At-Large Professional Volunteer*

- Booked 23 surrogates for over 75 media appearances in 24 outlets over 4 days of convention
- Coordinated in-person satellite interviews for delegates and circulated convention communication documents with regional outlets in OR, UT, MT, WA, and WY

#### **United States Senate, Washington, D.C.**

May - August 2015

##### *Paid Intern*

- Strengthened constituent outreach through weekly meetings with interest groups about policy developments, the legislative agenda and day-to-day responsibilities on Capitol Hill
- Compiled and sent morning, midday and evening television, radio and print news clips using specialty online research tools and to Republican senate staffers

##### *Legislative Intern*

May - July 2014

- Completed extensive oversight research on critical issues such as the Inspector General's audits of Veterans Affairs' Hospitals regarding manipulated wait times

**Skills:** Proficient in Spanish, Adobe Creative Suite, Basic HTML

### Education

#### **University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI**

May 2015

- B.A. in Political Science, International Studies and Spanish – Honors Program
- Thesis: Fact or Fiction: Media's Tale of an Ideologically and Affectively Polarized Society
- Pi Beta Phi Fraternity, External Relations Co-Chair

September 2011 - May 2015